



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

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16 SUBJECT: MUR 7007 (Kyle McCarter for Congress Committee, *et al.*) Pre-Probable Cause
17 Conciliation and Case Closing Memorandum
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20 On November 7, 2017, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") found reason
21 to believe that James W. Best violated 52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) by making an excessive
22 contribution, and that Kyle McCarter for Congress Committee and Kelly Standfield in her
23 official capacity as treasurer (the "Committee") violated 52 U.S.C. §§ 30116(f) and 30118(a) by
24 knowingly accepting excessive and prohibited contributions.¹ The Commission also authorized
25 pre-probable cause conciliation with the Respondents and approved separate conciliation
26 agreements for Best and the Committee.² We are attaching negotiated conciliation agreements
27 that have been signed by James W. Best and the candidate, Kyle McCarter, on behalf of the
28 Committee, respectively.³ We recommend that the Commission accept the negotiated
29 agreements and close the file in this matter.
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¹ See Certification, MUR 7007 (Nov. 13, 2017).

² *Id.*

³ Attachs. 1 and 2 (James W. Best and Kyle McCarter for Congress Committee Agreements).

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20 We believe these negotiated settlements represent an acceptable resolution of this matter.
21 We therefore recommend that the Commission accept the signed conciliation agreement with
22 Respondents. Finally, we recommend that the Commission close the file in this matter.
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24 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 25 1. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with James W. Best;
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27 2. Accept the attached conciliation agreement with Kyle McCarter for Congress
28 Committee and Kelly Standfield in her official capacity as treasurer;
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30 3. Approve the appropriate letters; and
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32 4. Close the file.
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